

LAURA KIRK

President | Managing Principal | Professional Landscape Architect, CO | ASLA

EDUCATION

M.of Landscape Architecture, University of Colorado, Denver, 1988
B.of Arts, Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont, 1980
Healthcare Garden Design Certification,
Chicago Botanic Gardens, May 2010

NOTABLE WORK

True Nature Healing Arts

The True Nature Healing Arts (TNHA) garden is a peaceful sanctuary, free and open to the public from dawn to dusk. The therapeutic environment incorporates several healing modalities, including a labyrinth, reflexology path, outdoor yoga space, outdoor massage area, and contemplative gardens. The movement between gardens and building is completely integrated and activity moves seamlessly from one area to the next. Designed to inspire, each element is carefully conceived and shaped to support the healing work undertaken at the yoga studio and spa.

Rocky Mountain Institute

DHM Design developed a landscape design for the new Rocky Mountain Institute Innovation Center in downtown Basalt. Their new building will qualify for LEED Platinum Certification, Living Building Challenge Petal Certification, and Passive House Certification, and they intend to achieve it with replicable methods and easy-to-source materials. The landscape embraces the riparian woodland habitat that surrounds the center and connects it to the adjacent river corridor. Stormwater management is a critical aspect of the design and incorporates stormwater-fed irrigation, catchment basin gardens, and native plantings.

BOARD COMMITMENTS

CLEER, Clean Energy Economy for the Region, 2010-2014
SCoR, Sustainability Center of the Rockies, 2007-2010
Third Street Center, President of the Board, 2008-Present

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Colorado Housing Now; January 2006
Smart Growth Conference; January 2006

Basalt River Restoration

This project is a comprehensive approach to achieving a number of long-standing social, environmental, economic and community goals including public access to the river, a riverfront park, redefinition of the floodplain and the transformation of a prominent downtown corner location. DHM has been retained by both the Town of Basalt and The Roaring Fork Community Development Corporation to assist with master planning and land use approvals for this five acre parcel. DHM is involved in all aspects of the process from community meetings and design to coordination with engineers and federal agencies for proposed development proposals. In the end, this project has the potential to offer the best of public/private partnerships resulting in new community based development and a riverfront park that will add immeasurably to the character and vitality of the Town of Basalt.

Laura has an extensive history of community planning and design experience. She is adept at techniques for bringing people together, gathering information and opinions, and developing consensus for project goals and design solutions. Laura believes collaboration is a key component to the success of any project and approaches every project with this philosophy. Throughout the creative design process, she remains mindful of the historic, cultural, and ecological attributes of the landscape.



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Cultural & Historical

Hotel Jerome; Aspen, CO
Grand Junction Downtown Master Plan; Grand Junction, CO
Aspen Civic Center Master Plan; Aspen, CO
Ridgway Streetscape; Ridgway, CO
Centennial Hall; Steamboat Springs, CO
Camp Hale Master Plan; Leadville, CO
Wheeler-Stallard Restoration; Aspen, CO
Camp George West Master Plan; Jefferson County, CO
Sunken Gardens Historic Landscape Assessment; Denver, CO
Molkery Park; Denver, CO
Pueblo Mountain Historic Park; Beulah, CO
Civic Center Cultural Complex Master Plan; Denver, CO

Campus

Third Street Center; Carbondale, CO
Aspen Valley Hospital; Aspen, CO
Valley View Hospital Medical Office Building; Carbondale, CO
True Nature Healing Arts Healing Gardens; Carbondale, CO
North Campus Improvements; Mesa State College; Grand Junction, CO
Master Plan St. Mary's Academy; Englewood, CO
University of Colorado President's Residence; Boulder, CO
North High School; Denver, CO

Parks & Recreation

Crown Mountain Park; El Jebel, CO
Carbondale Recreation Center; Carbondale, CO
LEED Platinum Certification, January 2009
ASLA Merit Award for Design, 2009
ASLA Land Stewardship Award for Design, 2009
Aspen Recreation Center; Aspen, CO
Rocky Mountain National Park Amphitheater; Estes Park, CO
Mesa County Open Space; Mesa County, CO
Lookout Mountain Nature Center; Jefferson County, CO
Dinosaur Ridge Visitor Center; Morrison, CO
Mt. Rushmore National Memorial Amphitheater & Visitor Center; Keystone, SD
Sequoia National Park Visitor Center and Visitor Lodging; Sequoia, CA
Mill Mountain Park Master Plan; Roanoke, VA

Residential Planning

Burlingame Ranch Affordable Housing; Aspen, CO
ASLA Award of Honor in Analysis and Planning 2005
Haymeadow Residential Development; Eagle, CO
Aspen School District Affordable Housing; Snowmass and Pitkin County, CO
Truscott Affordable Housing; Aspen, CO
Top of Mill; Aspen, CO
Chaparral; Pitkin County, CO
Lodgepole Employee Housing; Sequoia National Park, CA
Employee Housing Design; Yosemite National Park; El Portal, CA
Employee Housing Planning and Design; Grand Canyon National Park, AZ
Employee Housing Design; Rocky Mountain National Park; Grand County, CO

Residential

Scofield Residence; Carbondale, CO
Zhevago Residence; Kiev, Ukraine
Carney Residence; Aspen, CO